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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, TECH, PARM, GW

SUBJ: BORSIG CASE

REF: A. STATE 2960; B. BONN 24L; C. LONDON 414

1. SUMMARY: FRG FONOFF OFFICIAL STATED THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE DANGER OF SHIPMENT OF THE COMPRESSORS. FRG IS EXPLORING WAYS TO CONTROL EXPORT BY BORSIG. EMB ECON/COMML MINISTER WILL DISCUSS CASE WITH FRG OFFICIALS ON FRIDAY. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, DR. ROUGET, CHIEF, FRG FONOFF ATOMIC ENERGY SECTION, SAID THAT FRG "SOURCES" (PROBABLY BORSIG ITSELF) STATED THAT THE COMPRESSORS WOULD NOT BE READY FOR SHIPMENT UNTIL SOMETIME BETWEEN MAY AND JULY. "SOURCE" ESTIMATES COMPRESSOR COST AT DM6.9 RPT 6.9 MILLION.

3. NEXT MONDAY (JAN 17) FRG INTERAGENCY MEETING

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(FOREIGN MINISTRY, ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY) WILL LOOK INTO REVISING THE AUSSENWIRTSCHAFTGESETZ (PARA 3, REF B) SO THAT COMPRESSORS FOR USE IN HEAVY WATER PRODUCTION PLANTS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE LAW, WHICH WOULD GIVE THE FRG THE LEGAL BASIS TO REQUIRE AN EXPORT LICENSE WHICH WOULD THEN, PRESUMABLY, BE DENIED.

4. ROUGET ALSO STATED THAT BORSIG WAS NOTIFIED LAST JUNE BY THE FRG THAT THE AUSSENWIRTSCHAFTGESETZ MIGHT BE ENLARGED TO INCLUDE THESE COMPRESSORS. THE FRG CONSIDERS THIS IMPORTANT SINCE BORSIG HAS HAD NOTICE OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE LAW AND CANNOT NOW MAKE A "GOOD FAITH" CLAIM FOR AN EXCEPTION.

5. EMBASSY ECON/COMML MINISTER HAS APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS BORSIG CASE WITH LAUTENSCHLAGER, ASST. SECTY. IN FRG FONOFF.
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